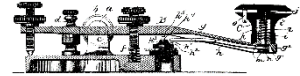




Bexar Wire

San Antonio Radio Club
W5SC



2022, No. 07

July 2022

Radio Fiesta 2022- Bill Craft, KD2HIQ

As events go, Radio Fiesta went on fairly well with only a few speed bumps. The volunteers helped make the event a success for the club. I really appreciate the hard work y'all put in to help. We could not do this event without you. Some people worked all day and some just a few hours, but every minute helped.

We still have loads of door prizes left over (gift certificates, books, discount coupons, etc), most are time constricted- so we will be raffling them off to volunteers at the next meeting. All volunteers will get a FREE raffle ticket. It's surprising that some of prizes didn't get picked.

I would hope that all volunteers can make the next meeting so you can have a chance to win.

Jeff Roach, KD5SYS was on his way back home when we called and told him he was the Grand prize winner of the Icom 5100/A



The grand prize winner of the Icom 5100A (Jeff Roach, KD5SYS)

Meeting July 14, 2022 will be 7 PM at Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216, (210) 251-2602 .

Jimmy Neff also took his picture holding the radio with me. After he left, he called back and asked if we would send him the picture so he could show his wife he did not buy another radio.

The 3rd prize winner (jack Bartell) also was on his way back home when we called him, he returned and picked up his (Yaesu TT-4XR radio). He didn't need a note or picture for his xyl.

Stan Walghaller, won the 5th prize and he came over to my house later that evening to pick up his soldering station. The 2nd (Don Udel, KI5AIU) & 4th (Fred Dorsey) Prizes were shipped to the winners.

By now you probably have seen the winners posted on our Facebook page & our web site, it went up after Radio Fiesta. For those who are interested, Jeff Schmidt's presentation is up in our web site presentation area. <https://w5sc.org/presentations/>

We did have a new vendor this year (Factory Pure) I hope you got to see and talk to them about generators and solar power. It's never too soon to prepare for the next grid failure. Radio Fiesta is all set for next year, Harold, AE5AS, has already secured the contracts for Schertz on June 16&17, 2023. Mark your calendar for next years event.



SAN ANTONIO RADIO CLUB

PRESIDENT'S RADIOGRAM

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TO							

Hello Fellow Hams!

Rosendo is still recovering..

The June Radio Fiesta and ARCS Field Day are in the books. Thanks to all who worked hard to make them a success.

Nice to see Rosendo at Radio Fiesta. He is not up to writing his own radiogram yet but he looked good

Despite the heat, Field Day featured a steady stream of participants and visits by people interested in amateur radio, prospective hams. The "get on the air" station kept busy and some club members were able to get some new experience operating and seeing how different rigs worked.

The hot summer encourages us to do inside things, like making more contacts on radio. If you have to get outside, be sure to stay hydrated. Not a bad idea inside too.

Don't forget that tickets for the **Robert A. Rodriguez Scholarship Fundraiser** are on sale now. The ARRL announced the 2022 winners of the scholarship. Nice prizes and only 400 tickets will be sold. This is a great project to benefit young hams and amateur radio.

Good DX

Jim Neff, WJ4M, for Rosendo Guzman – N5YBG

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The due date for articles is the **Monday** before the first **Thursday** of the month

Meeting Minutes
 7:00 p. m., June 6, 2022
 Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd., San Antonio, TX 78216

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm

Introductions by Club Vice President, Lloyd Swartz KF5ZHW

Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

There being no changes, additions, or deletions, minutes were approved without objection by unanimous consent.

Officer Reports:

President – Absent, recovering from illness.

Acting President/Vice President – Tour de Boene is still on and looking for volunteers, held by KARS (Kendal Amateur Radio Society). Hamslist.com is a site for selling ham items at no cost to the seller.

Radio Fiesta – Bill Craft KD2HIQ – June 17, 18 2022. Provided overview of location, layout. Tailgate sales will be Saturday in designated spaces. Volunteers receive a raffle ticket and free admission to the event. Samuel Clemons High School Cheerleader Booster Club will be vending snacks. No ATM available on site. Admission tickets are available through Eventbrite. To purchase admission ticket, go to w5sc.org and follow the link.

Field Day – Joe Bruno W5AUQ – Not present. Harold Fleischer presented details about the event, June 25/26, 2022. Safety first! Have fun. Everyone is welcome to participate at whatever level they wish. No Friday setup this year because we have use of the pavilion. Still need volunteers to assist with some aspects, including transporting tables and chairs.

Secretary – Jack Bannin N5JLB – Minutes from club meetings can be found at w5sc.org website, in the Newsletters section.

Treasurer – Jon April KI5CSK – No report.

Newsletter Editor – Jimmie Neff - June Bexar Wire newsletter announcement was sent to membership via email. Contributions of articles are welcome.

Webmaster – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ – Website doing well, focused on Radio Fiesta.

Membership – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ – Renewal at about 80%. Two new members since last meeting.

Chairman of the Board Report – Harold Fleischer, AE5AS - The Board has not met since last meeting. No report.

Education and Training – David Finell N7LRY – Possible venue for training in the works, so look for training to be announced soon.

Executive – No meeting since last meeting: No Report.

Emergency Communications – JC Smith N5RXS: No report.

Finance and Review – Paul Guido N5IUT – No report.

JOTA – John Douglas W5NZK – No Report. Will be active later this year.

Centennial Committee – Tom O'Brien AB5XZ – No swag sales since last meeting. Identified items that are available and their prices. Will be offered for sale at Radio Fiesta.

Nominating – Inactive until next fall.

Silent Key Committee – Rodney Brown AA5RB – Reported on sales of SK equipment.

VE Team – Pat Knight AD5BR

Testing will happen at Radio Fiesta at 1:30 PM. Pre-register for the test session at hamtest@gmail.com. Testing will also be offered at Field Day, on Saturday, 6/25/22, at 9:00 AM.

Old Business (Motions carried over from previous meetings) - None

New Business – None

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:13 PM



Volunteer Examiners at Work



This is the July 2022 Bexar Wire VE Team report (newsletter).

Test results

At Radio Fiesta, we had ten candidates pass the Technician exam. We also had one candidate earn a General upgrade.

At Field Day, we had two successful Technician candidates, and two General upgrades.

CONGRATULATIONS!

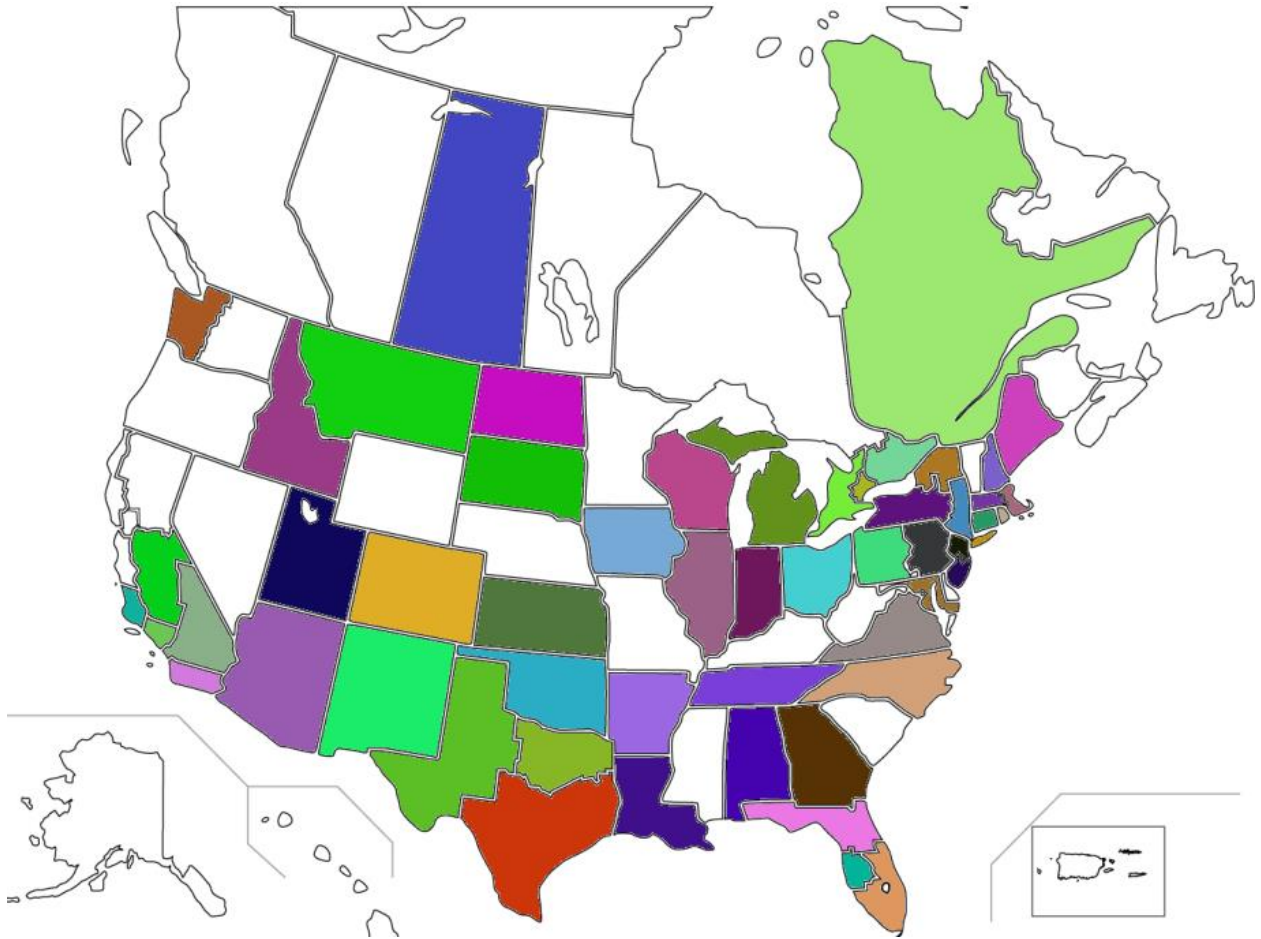
Our next VE session will be August 27 at 12 noon at the Leon Valley Public Library. Pre-register at hamtest@gmail.com. If you plan to test, be sure to pre-register.

NOTE: The questions for the Technician exam CHANGED July 1, 2022.

73,
Pat Knight AD5BR

210-273-5927 iPhone

Field Day Report



Map of ARRL sections the club communicated with during Field Day 2022

The club did contact JI3VUB in Japan at about 3:30 AM Sunday morning using FT8, a digital mode. Overall the club made 173 successful contacts. About 32 signed the operator log.

Paul Guido, N5IUT



Mayor Bob Weaver of the City of Shavano Park has been coming out to Field Day since 2017



The ARRL South Texas Section Manger, Stuart Wolfe, KF5NIX visited the ARCS Field Day site at 112:48 PM Saturday

Yes it was hot, but a steady breeze and the overhead fans at the pavilion kept things bearable. The club ran up to 4 HF stations with SSB and digital mods mostly in use. Jim, W4M did try some CW in the wee hours of Saturday night and made about 9 or 20 contacts. Trouble with a new iambic key and his rustiness on receiving code kept the contacts down.

There were some challenges with power. The UPS systems we used kept failing. Finally power was hooked to the generators bypassing the UPS and things worked well afterward. Someone suggested next year we encourage using laptops rather than the power-hungry desktop units we used.

As usual, the club emphasized our three Field Day goals, be safe, have fun and eat barbeque. No photos of the barbeque, I guess it went too fast. The first two photos show young Jack with his Mom, Stacey talking to Harold AE5AS about becoming a ham. Another photo shows him at the Get-on-the-air (GOA) station. Others are random shots I took around the field day site of the day and overnight crews.







Sunday morning dawned with a breakfast of breakfast tacos and coffee. Tasted great. Go

Recipients for the 2022 Robert A. Rodriguez Scholarship Announced!

Harold C. Fleischer, AE5AS
From the ARRL Newsletter:

"The ARRL Foundation Board of Directors has approved the recipients of the 2022 ARRL Foundation Scholarships as recommended by the Scholarship Committee. Foundation Scholarships totaling \$921,250 will be awarded to 139 deserving radio amateurs pursuing higher education. Individual scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$25,000."

They had the following for our scholarships:

The Robert A. Rodriguez, K5AUW, Scholarships, \$1,000

Matthew Bullington, W5MB, of Glenpool, Oklahoma
Gregory Westmoreland, K5GGG, of Corinth, Texas

Applications for 2023 ARRL Foundation Scholarships are expected to open on October 1, 2022.

Tickets are on sale for the October drawing. All proceeds support the scholarship fund.



Bob Rodriguez, K5AUW, Scholarship namesake, shows his ticket

The Prizes



For Tickets:

Mail check to: Jon April, KI5CSK

PO Box: 17900

San Antonio, TX 78217

Ticket will be mailed to you

or PayPal treasurer@w5sc.org

Be sure to include your name, address, phone # and call sign.

Ticket will be mailed to you

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All ticket holders are invited to the drawing party on November 10th, 2022 at 7 p.m. It will be at our regular meeting and the drawing will be before the presentation.



SARC has had a Groups.io. Its name is saradioclub.

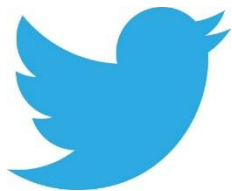
If you haven't signed up for group.io, you should. Groups.io is our primary email messaging method to all club members. It is FREE for all members.

Several members have asked where are the notices, schedules and codes for Zoom meetings?

1. The groups.io calendar has a schedule of Zoom meetings and access codes.
2. The calendar can be accessed directly from the club web site <https://w5sc.org/events-calendar/> NOTE: it is the same groups.io calendar.

The saradioclub Group.io is being used to publicize SARC business meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes. Members of the saradioclub Group.io can and have asked each other technical questions or sought assistance.

The saradioclub Group.io is a closed group. To become a member, go to saradioclub.groups.io. (You may need to have a Groups.io account.) You will then need to select *Apply for membership in this group*. This generates a message. SARC members can expect approval to join the saradioclub Group.io in probably less than 24 hours.



Reminder: there are two active Twitter accounts for the San Antonio Radio Club. They are @SARadioClub and @ARadioFiesta.

The @SARadioClub is being used to publicize SARC meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes.

When work again commences the @ARadioFiesta will be used.

SARC members are encouraged to follow both Twitter accounts.

SARC Facebook



There is a San Antonio Radio Club – SARC (@saradioclub) Facebook Page.

The newsletter editor is making posts about SARC meetings and other activities. Any Officer, Committee Chairperson, or member who believes that they have information that should be posted to this page should contact the newsletter editor using the contact information for the newsletter editor on page 2 of this newsletter.

SARC members are encouraged to follow this Facebook Pa

SARC SLACK



There is a San Antonio Radio Club Slack team – w5sc.slack.com.

Slack teams are meant to foster communication between team members. Paul Guido, N5IUT, has established the w5sc.slack.com team for SARC. He has also established some channels. Think of the channels as topical areas.

To join send an email to Paul Guido, N5IUT, at radioteacher@gmail.com. In actuality, any team member already a part of the w5sc.slack.com can invite you, but Paul is known to be on it.

SARC Meeting Dates for 2022

January 13, 2022
 February 10, 2022
 March 10, 2022
 April 14, 2022
 May 12, 2022
 June 9, 2022
 July 14, 2022
 August 11, 2022
 September 8, 2022
 October 13, 2022
 November 10, 2022
 December – No meeting

Meetings are normally held at Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216 at 7:00 p. m. Room is available at 6:00 p. m. for supper

Amateur Radio License Classes

For more information, contact:
 David Finell, N7LRY
 Instructor

SARC has a website:

w5sc.org

Webmaster: Bill Craft KD2HIQ
 Billc851@gmail.com
 210-233-8863

JOTA

Club members participated in JOTA and JOTI the largest Scouting event in the world at McGimsey Scout Park with the Alamo Area BSA on Saturday October 16th. Volunteers set up several stations including mobile installations and allowed scouts to contact stations as far away as England.

Emergency Communications

If you are interested in emergency communications, contact:
 JC Smith N5RXS

Radio Fiesta 2023

Watch for news of the next Radio Fiesta. Radio Fiesta 2022 has been moved from the previous January time frame to June..

Field Day 2022 June 25-26

FD 2022 was great, FD 2023 is coming sooner than you'd think!

Where SARC proves they are an eating group with a radio problem.

License Testing Dates for 2022

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We expect to be testing at
Leon Valley Public Library,
6425 Evers Rd
Leon Valley, TX 78238

June 17-18 Testing at Radio Fiesta gym, 1:30 PM

The following dates planned, with no test session in December.

June 25, 2022 (Field Day) at Shavano Park FD location

August 27, 2022

October 22, 2022

Pre-register at hamtest@gmail.com . If you plan to test, be sure to pre-register.

We will also have a test session June 18 at Radio Fiesta in Schertz, TX.

SARC does all of its licensing testing as a part of ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) organization so all of the Volunteer Examiners in SARC are duly authorized Volunteer Examiners of ARRL's VEC.